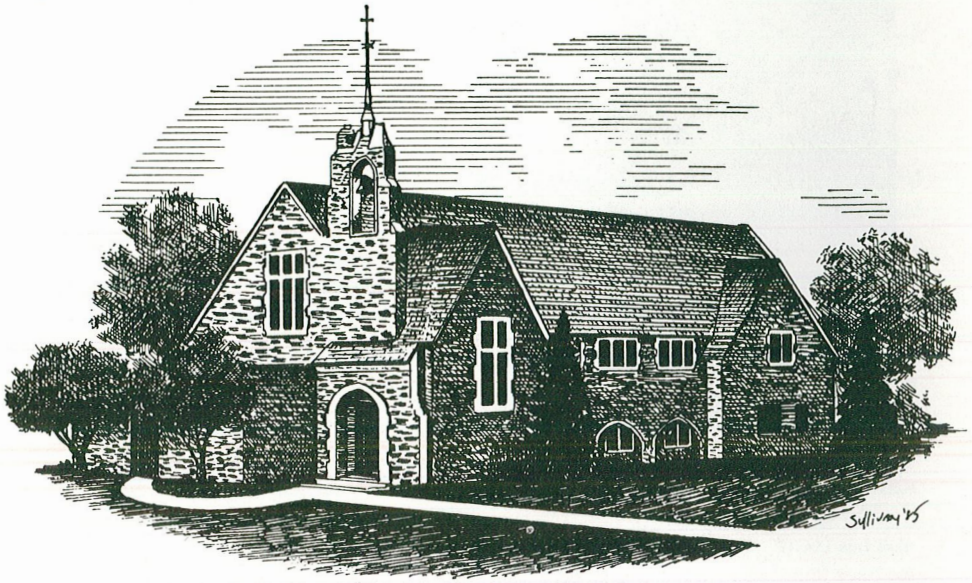

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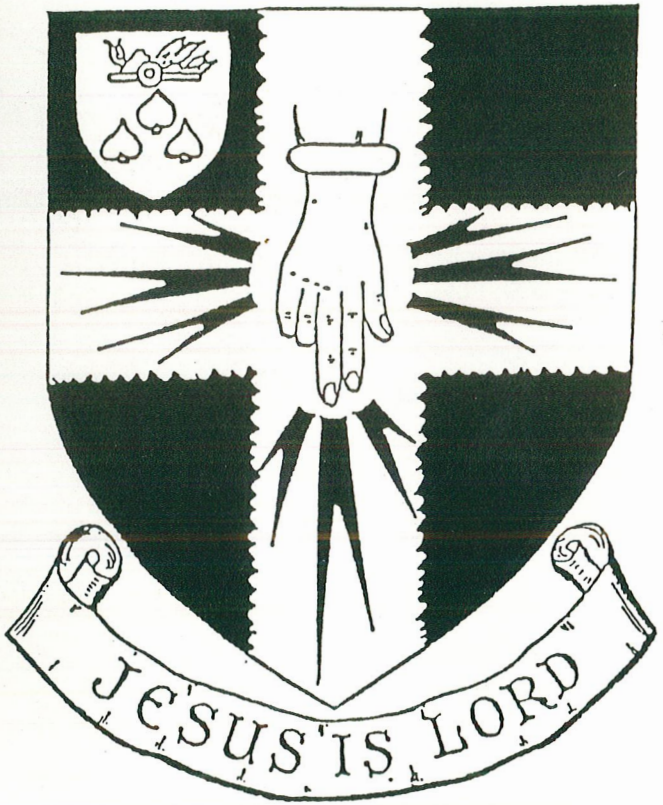
The Sesquicentennial Anniversary of The Parish of All Saints, Rhawnhurst

Commemorating the Ministries of All Saints, Moyamensing
Ascension Mission, Rhawnhurst
The Church of the Messiah, Oxford Circle



1838 to 1988

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of our Parish
Admitted to the Diocese of Pennsylvania on Trinity Sunday,
June 4, 1838, Under The Reverend William Bryant.

HONORED CLERGY AND SPOUSE

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Turner
Bishop's Staff: Congregational Life Development

James Gerhart & Kathryn Gerhart (Mother)
Rector of St. Luke's, Land O Lakes, Florida

Anne and Robert Greer
Presbyterian Minister in charge of Calvary St. Paul's, Philadelphia

Stephanie & David Hockensmith
Dean of Pennypack and Rector of St. Mark's, Philadelphia

Charles Martin (*retired*)
Cannon of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Washington, D.C.

Dorothy & Edward Price (*retired*)
Dean of Valley Forge and presently assistant of Emmanuel, Holmesburg

Dolores & William Shepherd, May Shepherd (Mother)
Assisting Priest of St. Luke's, Germantown

Ann and Robert Snyder
Dean of Conestoga, Rector of St. Faith's, Havertown

Gerald Tulk
Rector of Holy Innocents, Tacony

Nancy & Lloyd Winter
Rector of St. James, Langhorne

Barbara & Charles Wissink
Rector of St. Luke's, Bustleton

PROGRAM

Greetings and Welcome:	*The Rev. Otto Lolk, Rector*
Master of Ceremonies:	*Professor Harry Pfeffer*
Invocation:	*The Very Rev. Cannon Charles Martin*
Doxology:	*All Congregants*
Dinner:	*(With back-ground music at the piano provided by Mary Ann Bell)*
Parish Memories:	*All Saints' Ascension and Church of the Messiah*

Violin Solos presented by Christine Suchinsky

"Everybody Sing"		*(using Song leaflet)*
Song Leader:		*Fr. Otto Lolk*
Accompanist:		*Mary Ann Bell*
Benediction:		*The Very Rev. David Hockensmith*
Closing Hymn:	*"Grant us Thy peace"*	*Ellers*

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day;
from harm and danger keep they children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy Church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:

thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Sesquicentennial Dinner Menu

Fruit Cup

Hearts of Lettuce

Chicken Vegetable Soup

Roast Stuffed Turkey. Giblet Gravy

Baked Potato

Green Beans

Rolls

Butter

Ice Cream Cake Roll w/Chocolate Syrup

Coffee

Tea

All SAINTS' PARISH, RAWNHURST 1963-1988

Father Pollanick resigned his rectorship in 1970. The Reverend Meredith Calvert assumed pastoral leadership at that time until his retirement in 1983. The Reverend Sherwood Van Atta served the parish in the interim until 1985. Since June 16, 1985 we have been revived and inspired through the enthusiastic and dedicated ministry of Fr. Otto Lolk who patiently introduced us to the 1979 Prayer Book and the revised 1982 Hymnal, besides guiding us in the use of our new Bibles in the pews during the services.

Also, we are most fortunate to have the help of Jane Lolk, who with her talent and enthusiasm has augmented the ministries that have sustained us in fellowship, love and care.

With the excellent leadership qualities and unselfish devotion of Jane and Otto Lolk the parishioners feel a new vibrancy and interest in the present quality of Parish worship and activities and increased optimism also regarding the future of All Saints' Parish, Rhawnhurst.

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' AND THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

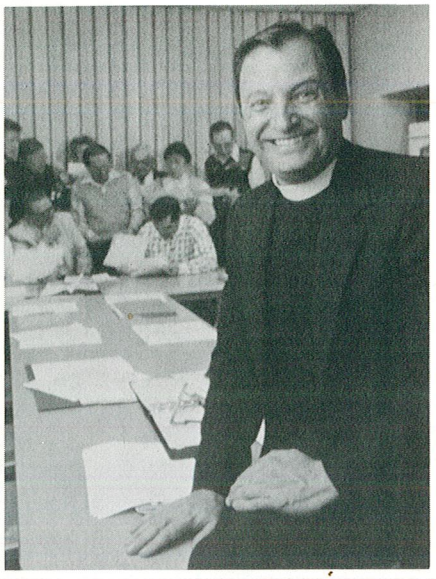
Like most urban parishes All Saints' experienced a steady decline in growth due to the death of older members and some moving to other areas, and yet growth by new neighbors coming together and new generations of younger faithful joining our ranks.

After a period of non-growth our parish numbers were enlarged in the late 1970's by the transfer of several faithful members of the *Church of the Messiah* to our parish. These dedicated Christians from Large Street and Roosevelt Boulevard brought a quiet enthusiasm and devoted leadership. It was with great sadness that we saw the closing of The Church of the Messiah. The history of that great parish started in the Village of Port Richmond in 1846 and the church was dedicated on Easter Day, April 23, 1848. The Church was closed on Palm Sunday 1929. The composition of the Parish territory at that time was 90% Polish. The property was sold and the Diocese proposed that the 50 communicants with 33 active members in the Sunday School be transferred to a new Messiah Church near Oxford Circle on the Boulevard. The new church was a result of the merger of Saint Matthew's Mission with the old Church of the Messiah. As with All Saints' Parish, being aided by St. Mark's, Frankford and by Trinity Oxford, Messiah Church was helped by St. Andrew's in Somerton and by Trinity Oxford.

As we continue our ministry in Rhawnhurst we shall remember the achievements of so many individuals and churches who have united to form ONE.

You will notice on the cover of today's Service and Program, our revised All Saints' Parish Family Coat of Arms with the addition of the third flame representing the Church of the Messiah, declaring it as a part of our family of All Saints' Parish, Rhawnhurst.

My Dear Family of All Saints:



There is little wonder why I can smile so brightly. Many of us have said that our parish church is a caring, loving, and supportive family; caring for everyone alike. The gratitude that most of us have felt has been shared several times over at the time of the Thank Offering we hold for every Sunday Service.

Another reason why I have cause to smile brightly is because of the dedicated and devoted leadership we have in our family of All Saints'. At the time this photo was taken our Vestry was copiously studying our Church Insurance for 1987. They are all individuals who serve on our Vestry because they all have found the Lord very much alive in their own lives. They serve confidently because they know that we trust them and support them in their efforts to keep our parish alive in the Lord where sharing and caring can continue. I, in turn, can also serve confidently knowing that they too trust me and support me in my desire to bring to fruition the fact that the risen Lord is found in each and every family member of our parish. I know it was the Lord's will that All Saints' and I should walk together to seek and to accomplish His will for us here in Rhawnhurst.

A third reason I can really smile is because of the loving support I receive from Jane who also has found many, many ministries of her own for which we all are grateful. Best of all we have found so many of you so personally loving and supportive that we feel All Saints' is indeed one big family as close as any relative might be. Jane and I are indeed happy and very blessed to have been chosen to be together with you in the Lord's vineyard in Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia.

May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us, may He continue to make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. May He continue to lift up His countenance upon us and give us His peace this year and every day we spend with Him.

Your friend and pastor,